

MEETING MINUTES – 17/01/17

AGSA Meeting – January 17, 2017- ANSO room 208

Attendance: Heather Robertson, Natasha Osing, Hannah Quinn, Michelle Hak Hepburn, Steffan Gordon, Vicki Sear, Hillary Argo(11:33)

Chair: Heather Robertson

Secretary: Natasha Osing

Meeting came to order – 11:09 am

1. Reading of last two meeting's minutes

Motion: to approve last two meeting's minutes (Oct and Nov)

PROPOSED BY: Michelle; SECONDED: Heather; all in favour = *MOTION CARRIED*

2. Updates from reps
 - a. **Department** – Michelle: No update relevant to graduate program
 - i. Mentioned at the last meeting: The graduate applications were lower this year. Considering updating the AGSA social events website to interest students more
 1. Mark Turin is taking over website and is good at updating grad student info. Graduate student profile updates were being conducted by Bridget – allows us to be more visible in the department.
 - ii. Currently hiring a new bioarchaeology professor. There will also be a job talks in the near future.
 - b. **LOA** – Heather: LOA is currently using Bridget's help creating a new website. The website will be a stand-alone website and tied with the classics and anthropology department.
 - i. Series of lunchtime talks starting up this term: Tuesdays, informal
 - ii. Archaeology Day: Have a speaker (Joel Janetski – Charles lecturer keynote speaker)
 1. Still deciding on the theme but may be focusing theme around the keynote speaker
 - iii. Taking in proposals for fieldschools
 - iv. Spaces on the walls after painting – Heather has suggested to putting student/faculty posters (conference/non-conference) to display in cases for everyone to look at. Still waiting to hear about what will be in the space
 - c. **GSS** – Maiya: not present
 - d. **Social Coordinator:** Hillary: Talking with Mark and Bridget to post updates, talks, pub nights on website
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Co-Presidents: ask Mark what the format of the website is, is it done with a UBC wiki? - if so, then to provide us with a wiki link to update our part of the website. Or meet with Bridget to discuss

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- ii. Possible Spring Potluck around the end of term 2 – 506 is having a poster night so there is a suggestion to do it at the same time? (Poster night is on March 23rd)
 - 1. Keeping in mind there is an undergraduate gala on March 31st
 - iii. Sending out emails for the woman's march (Society of Cultural Anthropology) – working with professors across North America, live streaming, live tweeting, making a meeting place for people to show up, taking pictures for the newsletter.
 - iv. This Friday is a Foucault read-in (Savage Minds)
 - v. Suggestion to have pub nights off of campus – being in a different environment, pricing; would this diminish attendance?
 - 1. However, after AGSA talks, Koerners would still be ideal
 - e. **AGSC** – Allison: not present
 - f. **CUPE** – Hannah: Orientation this week for the TA's. There will be a meeting and providing food, anyone is welcome. Talking about the new collective agreement. There is a change for our department: Super TA payment: TA's doing more than the average TA or PhD. Still working this out with departments as to how this will be allocated. Is the department asking you to do extra work or are you training other TAs?
 - i. Changed undergrad payments – markers or undergrad TAs
 - g. **Treasurer** – Steffan: Fundraising for the Christmas party (\$260). In total the AGSA has approximately \$300 for events. Raffles at AGSA talks are continuing to put towards grad student travel fund.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM**: Steffan and Heather to format a financial spreadsheet
3. AGSA Talks 2017
- a. There is currently a google doc that is being circulated of all the dates and talks that are happening this semester. It is almost full this term because of many grad students getting prepared for their defences. Currently two post-docs are speaking in February and Bryn is the first talk this Thursday (Jan 19th). Posters have already been circulated.
 - b. Need to figure out how to incorporate the post-docs and visiting scholars into e-mail lists to let them know of events/contact them. Jordan is currently looking into this.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM**: Michelle to talk to the department at the next meeting on how to get into touch with these individuals.
 - c. Bridget has sent an e-mail about her computer service skills and formatting for anyone who needs it.
 - d. Aiming to circulate AGSA posters as early as possible. Even if there is no poster, the speaker can upload the abstract onto the google doc for everyone to access.
4. 2017 plans for fundraising
- a. World Anthropology Day – Thurs Feb 16 (Bake Sale?)
 - i. Possibly having it at multiple stations. Most likely going to occur in Buch A again, due to previous success.
 - ii. When the date comes, everyone should announce to classes, professors, circulate posters to make it more well known.

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- iii. **ACTION ITEM:** Natasha to book the space in Buch A and to send out a google doc spreadsheet for volunteers to man the table and bake the goods.
- b. Colloquia: running out of money for food in the budget; discussion about grad students possibly donating food or money for lunches.
- c. Spring Book Sale?
 - i. Donate older books and buy them to raise funds.
 - ii. First want to see the faculty's opinion on donating books for the raffle. Do not want to take all books and have none left for the raffle.

Summary of Action Items:

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Meeting ended at 12:06pm

MOTION: to end the meeting

PROPOSED BY: Michelle; SECONDED: Steffan; all in favour = *MOTION CARRIED*

Next meeting: Feb. 28 @ 11:00, ANSO Room 208 (Grad Lounge)